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1. In the Shkoder area the BBC broadcasts were the most popular. The speakers on the Albanian broadcasts of the Voice of America were not sufficiently Albanian. Very little was known about reception in this area of the radio broadcasts from Radio Free Europe and the National Committee for a Free Albania.
2. At the beginning of 1951 the Albanian broadcast of the Voice of America began presenting Yugoslavia as a country of the free world. As a result, many hundreds of Albanians fled to that country under this misapprehension, and many of these have now ended up in Yugoslav prisons or camps.¹

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1. Comment: The reference here is probably not only to the fact that there is no political freedom for the refugees in Yugoslavia, but also the fact that it is extremely difficult for an Albanian to emigrate or escape from Yugoslavia, and those who attempt the latter are usually caught and imprisoned.

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